Law of the Perversity of Nature (Mrs. Murphy's Corollary)
You cannot successfully determine beforehand which side of the bread to butter.

Ninety-ninety Rule of Project Schedules
The first ninety percent of the task takes ninety percent of the time, and the last ten percent takes the other ninety percent.

Osborn's Law
Variables won't, constants aren't.

O'Tooles's Commentary on Murphy's Laws
Murphy was an optimist.

Peers' Law
The solution to a problem changes the problem.

Peter's Placebo
An ounce of image is worth a pound of performance.

Pudder's Law
Anything that begins well ends badly.
Anything that begins badly ends worse.

Rule of Accuracy
When working toward the solution of a problem it always helps you to know the answer.

Sattinger's Law
It works better if you plug it in.

Sevarenid's Law
The chief cause of problems is solutions.

Snafu Equations
1) Given any problem containing n equations, there will be n + 1 unknowns.
2) An object or bit of information most needed, will be least available.
3) Any device requiring service or adjustment will be least accessible.
4) Interchangable devices won't.
5) In any human endeavor, once you have exhausted all possibilities and fail, there will be one solution, simple and obvious, highly visible to everyone else.
6) Badness comes in waves.

Shaw's Principle
Build a system that even a fool can use, and only a fool will want to use it.

Simmon's Law
The desire for racial integration increases with the square of the distance from the actual event.

Steele's Plagiarism of Somebody's Philosophy
Everyone should believe in something - - believe I'll have another drink.

Truths of Management
1) Think before you act; it's not your money.
2) All good management is the expression of one great idea.
3) No executive devotes effort to proving himself wrong.
4) Cash in must exceed cash out.
5) Management capability is always less than the organization actually needs.
6) Either an executive can do his job or he can't.
7) If sophisticated calculations are needed to justify an action, don't do it.
8) If you are doing something wrong, you will do it badly.
9) If you are attempting the impossible, you will fail.
10) The easiest way of making money is to stop losing it.

Vonnegut's Corollary
Beauty may be only skin deep, but ugliness goes right to the core.

Weinberg's Law
If builders built buildings the way programmers wrote programs, then the first woodpecker that came along would destroy civilization.

Weinberg's Corollary
An expert is a person who avoids the small errors while sweeping on to the grand fallacy.

Zymurgy's First Law of Evolving System Dynamics
Once you open a can of worms, the only way to recan them is to use a larger can. (Old worms never die, they just worm their way into larger cans).